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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Light snows were scattered through eastern sections of the State early in the period. One to three inch snows were reported through all of Nebraska during the weekend. These were wet snows that occurred with little or no wind; most of the snow had melted by Monday morning.

This period began mild; Clay Center recorded 60 degrees Tuesday. Colder air spread over the State Wednesday; on Thursday morning Springview reported -14 degrees and Wakefield had -8 degrees. A warming trend followed with most stations in the 50's on Sunday. Colder air was spreading over the State Monday morning. Temperature averages ranged from around 4 degrees below seasonal normals along the Missouri River to around 5 degrees above normal in the Panhandle.

CROPS Fair weather during most of last week permitted farmers to go ahead with some field work. Although tilling operations were at a standstill, many farmers were engaged in spreading fertilizer and making other preparations for spring planting. Other outside activities included shelling corn, stalk cutting, caring for livestock and chores. Some time was spent in attending farm sales and making rental arrangements.

Surface moisture conditions were improved slightly by the snowfall last week. Additional precipitation would be beneficial, especially in the western districts. The outlook for fall seeded grains appears generally favorable, but farmers are anxiously awaiting warmer weather so that winter losses can be appraised. A little localized wind erosion was reported.

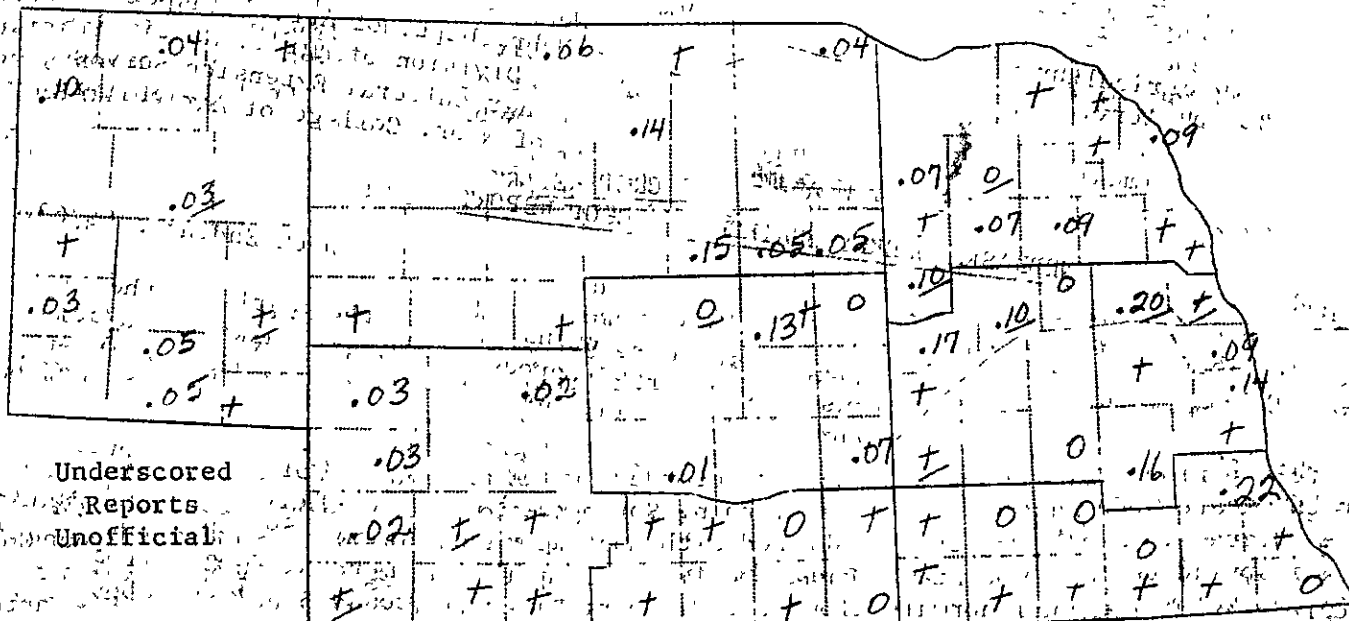
Pastures and ranges afforded considerable winter grazing for livestock and some cattle were making good use of stalk fields. Supplemental feeding of roughage and concentrates continued at a moderate rate in the range country. Feed supplies are ample as stocks of grain and hay are generally above average for this time of the year.

LIVESTOCK All livestock maintained good condition last week and registered satisfactory gains. The mild weather was beneficial to young animals and losses were light. Lambing operations were well advanced, while calving increased seasonally. Baby chicks are being placed in increasing numbers.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1963

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.09	Burwell	.05	Chadron	.04
Lincoln	.19	North Platte	.02	Imperial	T
Norfolk	.11	Valentine	.07	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	.15			Sidney	.05
Sioux City	.20				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1963



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		February		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th	
				Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	48	29	51	26	30	-1	30	23	53	32	39	33	51	31		
	Scottsbluff	48	26	50	30	48	13	33	25	52	35	42	26	50	30		
	Sidney	48	28	48	25	49	7	40	26	48	33	47	29	50	29		
NC	Burwell	44	18	31	13	21	-7	20	8	30	21	37	12	49			
	Valentine	50	22	49	17	17	-10	21	14	36	26	34	12	50	18		
NE	Norfolk	40	28	35	10	28	-5	13	8	30	23	34	16	41	18		
	Sioux City	38	27	48	25	25	-6	11	5	27	16	28	10	29	12		
CEN	Grand Island	46	22	54	29	39	-1	16	9	27	20	35	13	50	26		
EC	Lincoln	53	29	55	33	41	2	15	13	32	23	37	19	49	27		
	Omaha	48	28	51	29	33	-3	12	6	29	21	33	13	33	20		
SW	Imperial	51	26	52	25	47	9	33	23	53	31	44	23	55	32		
	North Platte	48	22	53	23	35	2	24	17	51	29	51	21	55	26		

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